GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Functioning of Fake Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that there are some universities which are functioning without recognition of University Grants Commission in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such universities, State/UTwise;
(c) whether these universities are indulging in appointment of lecturers more than the sanctioned strength and grant-in-aids;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the action taken by the Government on such universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per information made available by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Governments, 21 Fake Universities are functioning in the country without recognition of the UGC. In addition, Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), Qutub Enclave, Phase −II, New Delhi are also unrecognized Universities and are functioning in violation of Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. However, owing to Court Orders, names of these two Universities have not been included in the list of Fake Universities. The matter is presently sub-judice in Hon'ble Court. The details of Fake Universities are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): No such information is maintained on a regular basis regarding 'Fake Universities'.
(e): Government and its agencies have been taking a number of steps to address the issue of Fake Universities. UGC maintains a list of declared Fake Universities on its website for awareness of the public. A link to this has also been provided on the website of Ministry of Human Resource Development. Further, the Ministry has written a letter to Chief Secretaries of concerned states on 21st July 2015 requesting them to investigate such fraudulent matters with respect to Fake Universities and register complaints in Police Stations within the jurisdiction of which the institute is situated. They have been requested to initiate prosecution against those involved in defrauding and cheating students by misrepresenting themselves as "Universities" and awarding such degrees. The Chief Secretaries have been further requested to identify other Fake Universities, apart from the list provided by UGC.
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